

Here at Home
By Maude Miller

Our Favorite
What's your favorite Christmas story... next to Dicken's "Christmas Carol"? Ours is about the three brothers and a sister, all grown, who decided to spend Christmas with their mother, now seventy years old. They bought her lovely gifts and took the train together to the little old town of their birth. Such a day they had, stuffing on Mother's cooking and baking and rejoicing in the gifts she had knitted for them! And Mother was pleased with their gifts... though protesting they "really shouldn't have been so extravagant."

She saw them all off at the station, but just before the train left, Mother took each of them aside and whispered urgently. They were still smiling as the train pulled away into the starry night and they watched the frail old lady standing straight and proud. Then they compared notes. She had asked a favor of each of them. The pure silk dress from Ed... might she give it to the minister's wife?... The congregation was very poor and paid their leader very little. The rug for the parlor, Grace's gift... well, her old one would do for a while, and the parsonage had none at all. The books from Ralph she herself might never get to read... and the new town library could really use them. The watch from Ben... well, Ralph was about to become engaged, and she had slipped it into his pocket for his fiancée. And the flowers from all of them... in the morning she would visit their father's grave on the hill... "Did they mind?"

They thought for a moment in the swaying train. Then Grace said slowly, "We thought we were bringing Mother a happy Christmas. And she's given US the most wonderful Christmas in the world!"

Woman Side
How to say "I love you" to HIM... whether it be Pop, Husband, Son or Friend... Co-ordinated gifts! Frinstance: Handsome broadcloth pajamas, and a pair of slippers. A perfect fit, long-sleeve McGregor sport shirt, and that fabulous, unlined Drizzler jacket, water repellent and wind-proof. A french-cuffed dress shirt, and a new, narrow tie, and Swank cufflinks and tie-tack. All wool flannel slacks with that Ivy League look, and a good-looking belt. Socks (wool, cotton or nylon... what a selection!). French-designed ties and a box of three initialed handkerchiefs. They all add up to gifts that look custom designed for the special guys in your life. And don't forget... sweaters go everywhere with everyone! And if you get stumped on what to get for the teen-agers, ask Ray. He knows all the answers!

Man Side
How to say "I love you" to HER... whether it be Mom, Wife, Daughter or Friend... Coordinate those gifts! Frinstance: A stunning all wool skirt (pencil slim or gracefully full) and a bright sweater, jersey, or tailored blouse, and a wide colorful belt too. A quilted cocktail skirt with jewels or flowers or silly dogs, and a sheer blouse or jeweled sweater. A nightie as soft as the whispering breeze, and a cuddly robe, and a pair of slippers... like the famous Danield Greens in black velvet or colors. A "just-for-her" purse... tiny, fitted one for parties, or a Theodor box or pouch for everywhere in the daytime. And tuck in one or two of our pure linen handkerchiefs and you've got it made! And if you talk real nicely to Ella, she'll let you buy some of those pure silk hand printed scarves and matching handkerchiefs by a famous designer. And if you really want to make Mom's eyes sparkle... take home some of that sparkling jewelry. They may not be diamonds, but they'll make you her best friend!

Our Side
We love the song "Jingle Bells." But it always seems sort of out of place in Southern California... Maybe that's why our seven year old, instead of singing "bells on bobtailed ring" always shouts, "bells on cocktail ring."... Anyway it's a particularly merry Xmas season this year. Maybe because stocks are plentiful... and so much is good looking and not too expensive. And so easily bought... and so prettily packaged for you right here at home... at 1311 Sartori... Sam Levy Dept. Store. Naturally!



HEAT WAVE... Helen Goetz, student dancer of Three Arts Studio, will give a modern interpretation of "Heat Wave" as part of the entertainment at Santaland, corner Cravens and El Prado, Friday, December 16, at 7 p.m.—Photo Arts Photo.

Dancers To Entertain In Santaland
Mrs. and Mrs. Everett W. Smith, Jr., of 23134 Arlington, announce the birth of a daughter, Melody Jean, weighing 8 pounds and 4 ounces.

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Dog Dies Of Rabies In Lawndale

A fresh outbreak of rabies appeared to threaten the Lawndale area this week, according to Torrance area county health department officials.

Another rabid dog, the fourth in the past eight weeks, died Sunday, and at least six human contacts and one animal contact have been discovered.

The animal, a mixed chow-poodle dog, reddish-brown in color and answering to the name of "Boy" had been kept tied at the rear of 4621 West 156th street.

A preliminary diagnosis of rabies made after the pet became ill, was confirmed after it died. The clinical tests were made at the laboratory of the Los Angeles County Health department.

Authorities at the Torrance office said they are checking the area thoroughly for any further contacts the dog may have made, because there are

Residents Protest Longren's Request For Zone Variance

A new controversy faced the Torrance Planning Commission last week when homeowners' petitions opposed Longren Aircraft's request for a zone change from R-2 to M-1 at 2576 W. Carson st.

Petitions containing 74 signatures, representing 93 per cent of homeowners between Elm and Date ayes, and Carson and Montezuma sts., were presented to the commission, protesting the granting of the variance.

Spokesmen for the homeowners said that the location of the plant added greatly to parking and safety problems in the area and created unnecessary noise. Some charged that the company had failed to live up to the terms of the variance.

Hampton, president of Longren, declared that large numbers of school children in the neighborhood.

They asked that anyone having knowledge of possible contacts with the rabid animal notify Dr. B. A. Kogan at the Torrance District Health Office, 2300 Carson street, or call Dr. Kogan at FA 8-3301.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Meyer, of 1534 West 208th St., announce the birth of a son, Joe David, weighing 7 pounds and 4 ounces.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Smoot, of 2517 Sonoma St., announce the birth of a daughter, weighing 6 pounds and 3 ounces.

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